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Funding included for key programs to help New Jersey workers, students, and low-income residents

Washington, D.C. – Today, Congressman Sires supported H.R. 3293, the fiscal year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill, which passed the House by a vote of 264 to 153. The bill makes college more affordable, expands access to health care for the uninsured, and invests in American workers.

“These funds are critical to supporting New Jersey families,” said Congressman Sires. “By providing increased access to education, job training programs, and health care services, this legislation gives hard-working Americans a much-needed boost during tough economic times.”

H.R. 3293 includes funding for several programs that aid workers, students, and low-income residents in New Jersey. Specifically, this bill provides \$1.4 billion for dislocated worker employee and training programs, \$2.2 billion for community health centers, and \$14.5 billion for schools to ensure that low-income children have access to a quality education. The bill also supports an increase in funding to important and lifesaving HIV/AIDS initiatives. Additionally, funding was included to help support seniors through older worker programs, nutrition and transportation services, and improvements to the Social Security Administration.

“I am especially happy that this bill protects low-income residents by ensuring more are able to pay their bills, increase their wages, and access critical services,” said Congressman Sires.

H.R. 3293 now awaits Senate action.

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